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OBAMA MEETS CASTRO IN THE HEART OF REVOLUTIONARY HAVANA

President Barack Obama was received by Cuban President Raul Castro in Havana on Monday at the start of historic talks where the U.S. leader will press his counterpart for economic and democratic reforms while hearing complaints about U.S. sanctions. Obama arrived in Cuba on Sunday on a trip that comes 15 months after he and Castro agreed to end five decades of Cold War-era animosity and work to normalize relations. On the first full day of his visit, he went to the heart of Cuba's Communist system, laying a wreath in Revolution Square at the memorial to independence hero Jose Marti.

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SMALLER IPHONE EXPECTED AS APPLE FACES DROP IN SALES

Apple is expected to launch a smaller, cheaper iPhone on Monday aimed at emerging markets and possibly China, the world's biggest buyer of smartphones, as it looks to reverse a decline in worldwide sales of its most important product. The launch of such a phone — expected to be called the iPhone SE — would represent Apple's second bid for the crowded mid-tier market after an unsuccessful foray three years ago. It might give the world's best-known technology company a boost in the fast-growing Indian, Middle East and African markets but also risks cutting its average phone prices and profit margins.

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FLORIDA JURY TO WEIGH PUNITIVE DAMAGES IN HOGAN SEX TAPE CASE

Former professional wrestler Hulk Hogan returned to a Florida courtroom on Monday to argue that the Gawker website should have to pay significant punitive damages on top of the $115 million it must pay for posting a sex tape online. Hogan, whose given name is Terry Bollea, is arguing the $60 million for emotional distress and $55 million for economic damages that a jury awarded him last week has not sent a strong enough message to the media company. Gawker plans to appeal the decision in a civil case that has drawn wide interest for testing boundaries between a celebrity's privacy rights and press liberties in the digital age. REUTERS

Michael Muehe, executive director of the Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities, makes his way through the station which is now fully accessible to riders with disabilities. NICOLAUS CZARNECKI

New Government Center station a bright spot for troubled MBTA service

The MBTA station connecting Green and Blue lines is now open, and fully accessible for riders with disabilities.

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Standing in the newly renovated station swarmed by media, Gov. Charlie Baker held a walkie-talkie to his mouth, and over at headquarters, MBTA workers heard the announcement.

"Central Control, at this time Government Center station is now reopened," Baker said.

And so began the maiden voyage for the Green Line train departing from the platform, an upgrade two years and $82 million in the making.

Officials cut the ribbon on the centrally located T stop on Monday afternoon, opening it up again for passengers looking to board the Green and Blue lines or hoping to make a connection between the two.

The station is more than just a reopened waypoint — among the busiest in the city, at that. It's now fully accessible for riders with mobility issues for the first time in its history, making it the last of 80 stops marked as needing accessibility improvements to get new wheelchair-friendly features like elevators.

Standing under natural sunlight in the station's new tall glass ceiling, state and city leaders at Monday's ceremony called the opening a milestone — a bright spot for a system that's come under criticism for its aging infrastructure.

"The MBTA is headed in the right direction," proclaimed T General Manager Frank DePaola.

"This is certainly an upgrade from what I was used to," said Baker, recalling his time riding through the old bunker-like stop.

Work on the station's exterior is still underway and should be done in the next five months.

While it's seen by many as a sleek and eye-catching addition to the drab City Hall Plaza nearby, some riders noted the set-dressing of a clean new T stop wouldn't distract from the T's remaining issues.

"It looks amazing," said 33-year-old David Senatillaka of Malden, who noted that before he arrived at the station to tour it, he'd spent part of the morning stuck on a disabled Orange Line train. He added, "I see it kind of juxtaposed. We're having this new station with accessibility, but at the same time we're making the system less accessible by increasing fares and cutting service."

"This building is welcoming. It says, 'Come on inside here.'"

Mayor Marty Walsh

For Lou Jones, a 70-year-old from East Boston, the re-opening of Government Center felt like a long time coming.

"For two years, this has been a pain in the ass," Jones said. "It's my central station."

Alicia Piccirillo, 23, who also stopped by to take a look, said she was willing to cut the T some slack.

"I think they're trying and that's all they can do," she said.

Weymouth's Robert Grover, 34, said he took off work from his job in Norton to be there for the unveiling.

"I have a daughter now, so I wanted to see the type of station she's going to grow up with," said Grover, a self-proclaimed T enthusiast. "I think this is almost like a gift for the riders and a two-year wait is worth it."

The Government Center renovation was part of a strategy to invest in the system's most critical junctures, Transportation Secretary Stephanie Pollack said.

"The core of our system is really what needs our attention," Pollack told reporters.

But it's not the last station that still needs accessibility upgrades, she said, nor is it the last part of the system needing investment.

On the horizon are projects built into a new $14.3 billion capital program that includes $150 million for accessibility upgrades.

Also on the T's books is a state of good repair backlog worth $7 billion.

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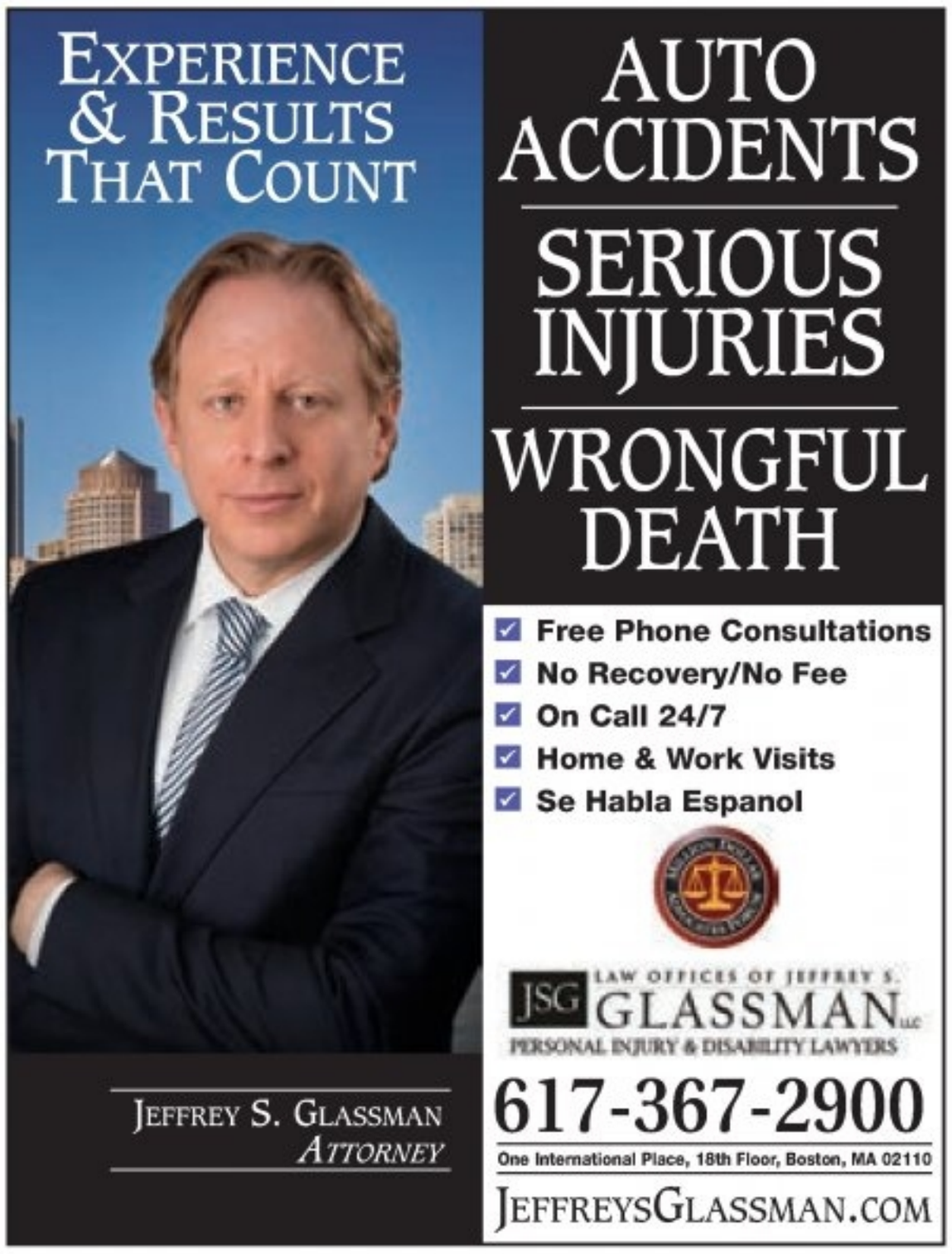
A spring only a snowman could love

A snowman appeared on the Boston Common Monday morning after the Northeast was met with a snowfall on the first day of spring. Here's hoping he will end up being the last snowman of the season. Temperatures are expected to climb into the 50s this week. NICOLAUS CZARNECKI



US top court throws out stun gun ruling

The justices objected to the Massachusetts court's approach of considering the dispute through a "contemporary lens."

A man holds a stun gun. FILE PHOTO

The Supreme Court on Monday threw out a Massachusetts court ruling that stun guns are not covered by the Constitution's guarantee of the right to bear arms, siding with a woman who said she carried one as protection against an abusive former boyfriend.

The court, in an unsigned ruling with no dissents, ruled in favor of Jaime Caetano, who in 2011 was arrested for possession of a stun gun in violation of a state law banning such weapons. The ruling provided a victory, at least temporarily, for gun rights advocates.

The justices decided that a March 2015 Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruling was inconsistent with a 2008 Supreme Court decision declaring an individual right to bear arms. That 5-4 ruling in the case District of Columbia v. Heller left open many questions about the extent of the individual right, the firearms covered and when government regulations would stand.

Monday's decision did not further clarify the standards of the Heller ruling, yet it signaled that lower courts should not look narrowly at the weapons covered.

The justices objected to the Massachusetts court's approach of considering the dispute through a "contemporary lens" and that it stated that stun guns would not have been the type of weapon Congress envisioned in 1789 when it passed the Constitution's Second Amendment declaring a right to bear arms.

The amendment was ratified in 1791 as part of the Constitution's Bill of Rights. Caetano said she carried the stun gun for self-defense because her former partner was violent and abusive.

Caetano's lawyers had argued that stun guns should be considered "arms" under the Second Amendment and that the Massachusetts law went too far in banning them.

The Supreme Court sent the case back to the Massachusetts high court for further proceedings. The justices noted that the Heller decision rejected the proposition "that only those weapons useful in warfare are protected."

Gun rights are one of the most divisive issues for the high court, and the justices have in recent years been reluctant to take up state disputes.

In Monday's case, the justices took issue with the finding of the Massachusetts court that stun guns are "unusual" because they are a "thoroughly modern invention."

The court is down to eight justices, rather than its usual nine. Conservative Justice Antonin Scalia, who died in February, wrote the Heller decision. REUTERS

BRIEF

A police cruiser sits on Humboldt Avenue. NICOLAUS CZARNECKI

Roxbury shooting leaves one dead

One man is dead and another is injured after a shooting in Roxbury early Monday morning, WHDH reported.

The shooting happened around 3:15 a.m. Monday on Humboldt Avenue. Police arrived at the scene to find one unidentified man dead.

According to a report from WBZ, the second man was taken to Boston Medical Center for his nonlife-threatening wounds.

The shooting is still being investigated. MATTHEW LEE

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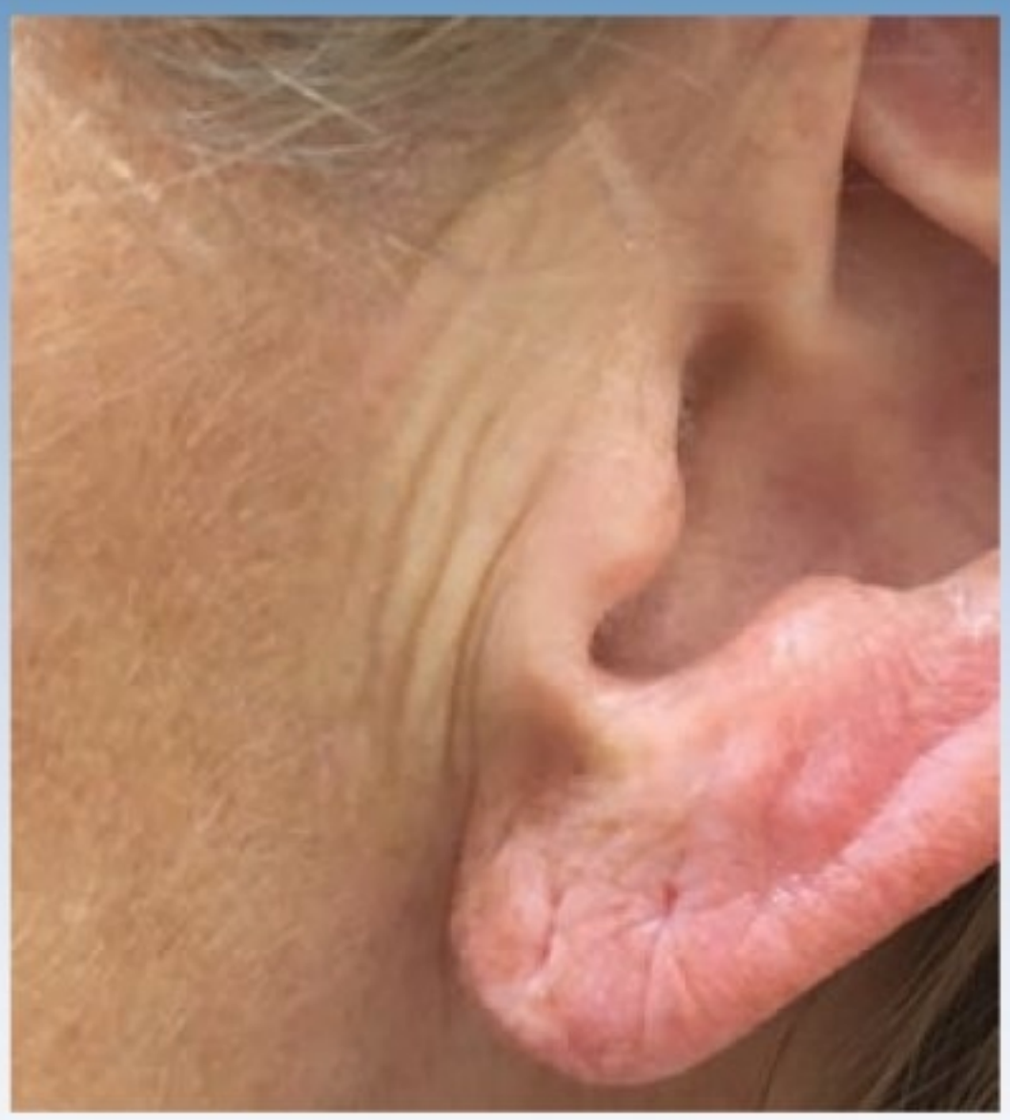

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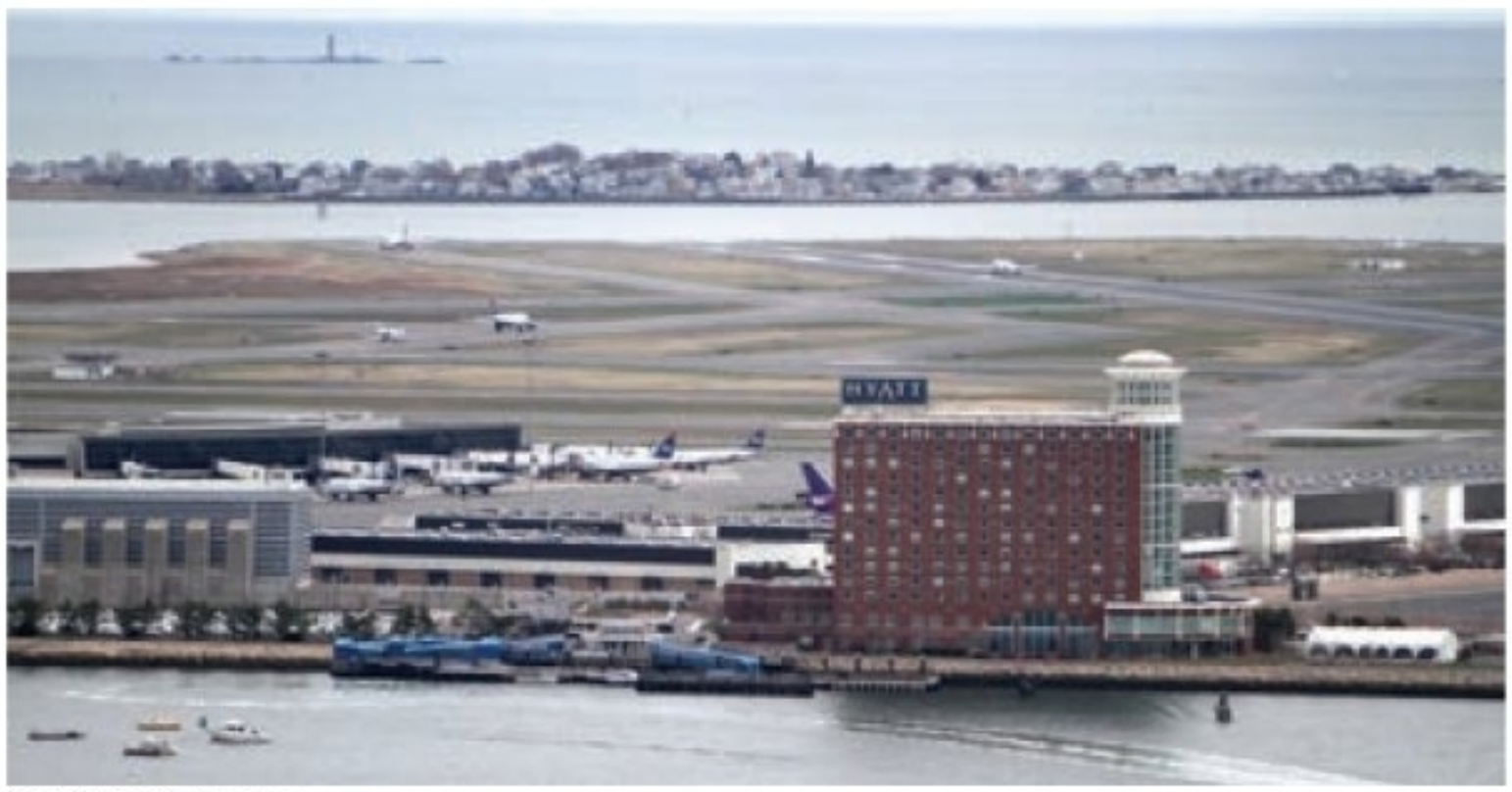

Logan Airport NICOLAUS CZARNECKI

Spring snowstorm shuts down Logan Airport flights

No airport in the country had more canceled inbound and outbound flights than Logan did Monday.

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A spring snowstorm led to the cancelation of over 100 flights flying into and out of Logan Airport on Monday, Patch Boston reported.

Reportedly no airport in the country had more canceled inbound and outbound flights than Logan.

The airport said workers would continue to work to keep the runways open, according to WHDH.

Travelers at Logan or those planning to pick someone up were told to check flight statuses.

Woman gets life in prison for fatal Christmas Eve arson

A woman who set a fire in a Chelsea apartment that killed another woman on Christmas Eve in 2010 has been sentenced to life in prison, according to the Suffolk County district attorney's office.

Melissa Pfeiffer, 32, was convicted in February on a charge of second-degree murder.

According to prosecutors, the Chelsea resident "intentionally lit" her boyfriend's clothes on fire after the two had an argument in her apartment that night and he left the residence.

Pfeiffer then left the building while clothes burned and did not alert residents in the building or call the fire department, according to prosecutors.

The woman killed, Crystal Lynn Blanchard, was trapped in an apartment with her boyfriend who managed to escape.

Blanchard died of smoke inhalation and thermal injuries, prosecutors said.

Pfeiffer POLICE HANDOUT

Before sentencing, according to prosecutors, Blanchard's family "addressed the court to recall the young woman as 'a bright and caring person' and a talented artist with a promising future ahead of her."

"She would stop whatever she was doing to help someone else," her stepfather said, adding that Pfeiffer didn't even know her victim.

"You would have been friends," he said. "Instead, you've stolen, ruined and changed so many lives."

Pfeiffer will be eligible for parole in 15 years. MATTHEW LEE

BRIEF

Baker wants feds to invest in addiction research

Gov. Charlie Baker asked Monday for federal support to find the best ways to treat addiction.

Speaking at the Dimock Center, Baker told Congressman Joe Kennedy III he wanted the federal government to invest in research on the subject.

Likening the challenge of opioid addiction to swimming across the Atlantic Ocean, Baker said, "We have a long, long way to go."

Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders said progress needs to be made on alternative pain treatment, removing barriers for people in recovery to obtain jobs and housing, and reducing stigma.

The governor one week ago signed an omnibus law aimed at boosting attention to addiction and reducing the amount of painkillers given people in their initial prescriptions. SHNS

Gov. Baker NICOLAUS CZARNECKI

RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE

Clinton criticizes Trump's neutral stance on Israel

Clinton told the American Israel Public Affairs Committee conference that Trump would undermine Israel's security by taking an even-handed approach to negotiations between the Israelis and Palestinians.

Clinton GETTY IMAGES

Hillary Clinton attacked Republican Donald Trump on Monday for taking a neutral stance toward Israeli-Palestinian peace efforts, in a preview of a possible general election battle between them.

"America can't ever be neutral when it comes to Israel's security and survival," Clinton told the pro-Israel lobbying group, without mentioning Trump by name. "Anyone who doesn't understand that has no business being our president."

Trump, the Republican front-runner, was to address the AIPAC conference later in the day, along with his Republican rivals, Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas and Ohio Gov. John Kasich. Clinton's Democratic challenger, Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont, was not appearing at the event.

Trump has drawn fire for his position on Middle East peace negotiations. The New York billionaire has described himself as extremely pro-Israel but has said he would take a "neutral" stance in trying to negotiate an elusive peace settlement between Israel and the Palestinians.

Trump's critics have said he could harm long-standing U.S. support for Israel. Clinton said she would make it a priority if elected to preserve the U.S.-Israeli relationship, ensuring Israel has a qualitative military edge.

REUTERS

Trump names his foreign policy team led by Sen. Sessions

Donald Trump on Monday unveiled a partial list of his foreign policy advisers in an interview with The Washington Post, after saying last week that he mostly consults himself on international affairs.

The advisory team, headed by Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama, includes terrorism expert Walid Phares, energy industry executive Carter Page, international energy lawyer George Papadopoulos, former government inspector general Joe Schmitz, and former Army Lt. Gen. Keith Kellogg, he told the Post in an on-the-record editorial board meeting, according to the media company.

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Sen. Jeff Sessions GETTY IMAGES

BRIEF

Trump 'needs all the help he can get,' donors say

Donald Trump often tells crowds at his campaign rallies that he doesn't need outside financial support to get to the White House, but some of his fans are starting to feel differently.

Donors to an independent political spending group formed to promote Trump's candidacy said in interviews on Sunday they were worried by reports describing the millions of dollars Trump's opponents are spending to attack him.

They said they admired the billionaire businessman's professed financial independence but thought a cash boost would help keep his fight for the Republican nomination fair. So 767 people sent in small sums — $25 here, $100 there — hoping it would help prepare him to face his many, moneyed foes.

"He needs all the help he can get," said Diane Abair, 83, a real estate agent in Redding, California, who sent $50 to the group, Great America PAC.

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BRIEFS

USS Eisenhower resumes flight operations after accident
The USS Dwight D. Eisenhower aircraft carrier resumed flights of fixed-wing aircraft Sunday, two days after a flight accident that injured eight sailors who were working on the ship's flight deck, a Navy spokesman said.

Three sailors remain hospitalized at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital in Norfolk, Virginia, while a fourth is at Portsmouth Naval Medical Center, also in Virginia, said Navy Commander Mike Kafka, spokesman for Naval Air Force Atlantic. All four are in stable condition and some may be released soon, he said.

Kafka said an aircraft mishap team was on board to investigate Friday's accident, which occurred off the coast of Virginia when one of the ship's arresting gear cables snapped during the attempted landing of an E2-C Hawkeye airborne early warning aircraft.

The USS Eisenhower has now resumed a large training exercise ahead of a scheduled deployment to the Middle East this summer. REUTERS

Texas man arrested for Ferris wheel sex killed in Houston carjacking
A Texas man suspected of having sex on a Las Vegas Ferris wheel last month was killed in a Houston carjacking over the weekend in an incident that started outside a strip club, police said Monday.

Phillip Panzica, 27, was fatally shot early Saturday and his body dumped on the side of the road, the Houston Police Department said. Two suspects found driving a stolen Kia belonging to Panzica's fiancée were taken into custody about 300 miles away later the same day, they said.

Panzica had been outside the strip club waiting for his fiancée, a dancer at the establishment. The suspects, identified as Bryant Watts, 28, and Aaron Jones 31, got in the car with Panzica and the fiancée, who was not identified.

The suspects stole a large amount of cash from the fiancée and took her car, police said.

They are suspected of fatally shooting Panzica and forcing the fiancée out of the car, police said. The suspects have been charged with capital murder and no lawyer was listed for them.

Panzica gained national attention when he was arrested in February on a charge of having sex with a different woman in an all-glass cabin of the Las Vegas Ferris wheel. REUTERS

US prosecuting fewer drug offenses: Justice Department

A narcotics task force enters a home of a suspected drug dealer in Manassas Park, Virginia. GETTY IMAGES

A 14 percent decrease from fiscal 2012 to 2014 was followed by an additional 6 percent decline to 19,792 federal cases prosecuted in fiscal 2015, the department reported.

U.S. prosecutors charged nearly 5,000 fewer drug cases in 2015 than three years earlier, after the Obama administration decided to target only the most serious cases, the Justice Department said Monday.

While state prosecutors can take on drug cases, federal prosecutors have been instructed since 2013 to charge fewer drug offenders to reduce disparities in sentencing that disproportionately affect minorities.

The policy, known as Smart on Crime, was also intended to avoid charging certain nonviolent, low-level drug offenders with the mandatory minimum sentence.

The Justice Department said 47 percent of the drug cases prosecuted in 2015 carried the mandatory minimum sentence, compared with 61.5 percent in 2012.

Some assistant U.S. attorneys had raised concerns that lower sentences would make defendants less willing to cooperate.

But Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates said the rate of cooperation has not changed. "It is always going to be in a defendant's interest to do whatever he or she can to be able to cooperate and to get a lower sentence," she told reporters at a briefing.

Yates said she was hopeful bipartisan support for sentencing reform in Congress would result in legislation this year, preventing policies like Smart on Crime from being dropped by the next administration. REUTERS

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Supreme Court agrees to hear patent fight with Samsung-Apple

The Supreme Court stepped into the high-profile patent fight between the world's two fiercest smartphone rivals, Apple and Samsung, agreeing to hear Samsung's appeal of what it contends were excessive penalties for copying the patented designs of the iPhone.

Samsung Electronics paid Apple more than $548 million in December related to a jury verdict from 2012. It is seeking to pare back the $399 million of that amount that was awarded for infringing on the designs of the iPhone's rounded-corner front face, bezel and colorful grid of icons, saying they contributed only marginally to a complex device.

A Samsung spokeswoman said in a statement the court's review "can lead to a fair interpretation of patent law that will support creativity and reward innovation."

An Apple representative declined to comment.

Apple sued in 2011, claiming the South Korean electronics company stole its technology and ripped off the look of the iPhone.

Last May, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in Washington upheld the 2012 patent-infringement verdict. REUTERS

Justin Bieber has more throwback pics of Selena Gomez

@JUSTINBEIBER/INSTAGRAM

Damn, Justin. At it again with the creepy/desperate Instagram posts about your ex. The singer lit up his favorite social media feed recently with yet another throwback pic of himself — from way back in 2011 or so, before all the tattoos and Photoshopped muscle mass and arrests — smooching ex-girlfriend Selena Gomez along with the caption "Feels," all to the delight of his 62.2 million Instagram followers. (Just sit there a second and think about that number. Terrifying, isn't it?)

This is far from the first time Bieber has reminisced about the good old days so publicly. But he has been pretty quiet about it, laying off the borderline stalker behavior for nearly three months. But that's about all the restraint he could muster. For her part, Gomez did "like" the photo, leaving fans to wonder even more what exactly is going on between the two.

Khloe Kardashian klashing with 'Kocktails' krew

Apparently when Khloe Kardashian made the deal for her new talk show, "Kocktails with Khloe," she didn't quite understand how much the show's producers were expecting her to rope in her family as guests, and that's causing some tension behind the scenes.

"Executives have urged her to include at least one of her family members on every single episode," a source tells Radar Online. "The producers at the network really believe that people are tuning in to the show to see the off-script Kardashian drama carry over into 'Kocktails.'

"But now Khloe said that she does not need to have them on for this show to succeed. Everyone around her tends to disagree." Ouch.

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Fans have very different reactions to Harry Styles and Adele photo hacks

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Two of the U.K.'s most famous stars are scrambling to deal with not one but two new cases of nefarious pic-snatching. Which raises the question: How much of a celebrity's life belongs to their fans?

First, personal photos of Adele, including a sonogram scan of her son, showed up on Facebook, believed to be from a hack of boyfriend Simon Konecki's email. "I was appalled and upset for Adele when I saw the pictures. They are really private and should not be passed around," a fan who reported the posting tells the Sun. "It is disgusting that her so-called fans were sending them around and I thought it should be stopped."

Not every fan feels the same. Apparently someone else hacked the iCloud account of Harry Styles' mom, Anne Cox, and made away with several photos of Styles on vacation with rumored girlfriend Kendall Jenner. The fan who posted them sounds quite disgruntled — for an entirely different reason: "If I go to jail, I did this for all the Harry stans who don't get s— from Harry," the privacy invader posted to Twitter before the account was suspended.

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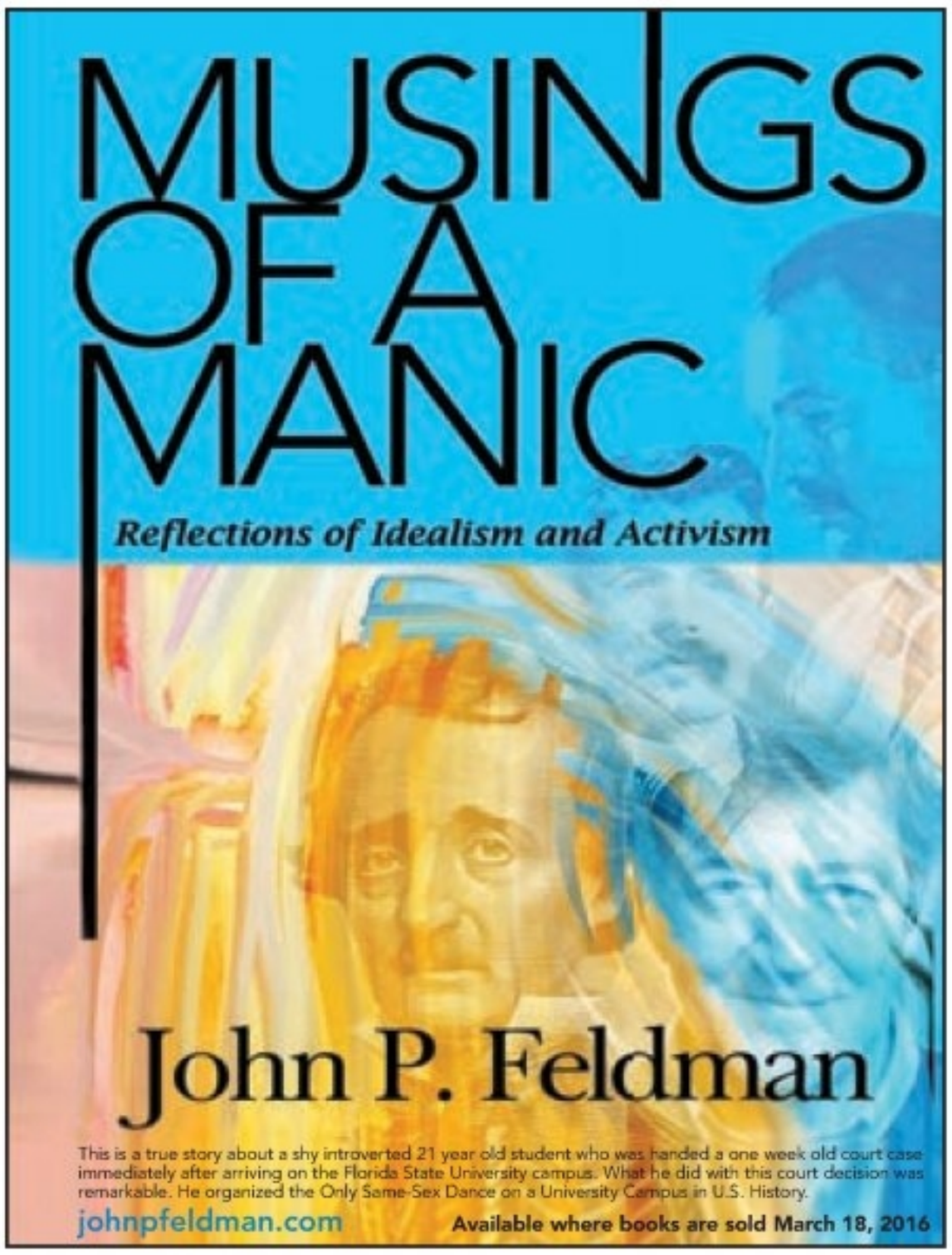
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Dame Helen wants feminists to speak out

Helen Mirren plays a Colonel leading a drone bombing mission in Kenya from a London base in the drama "Eye in the Sky." KEITH BERNSTEIN, BLEECKER STREET

The Oscar-winning actress talks drones, sexism and whether she looks like Jennifer Lawrence.

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Dame Helen Mirren is never not opinionated. That's doubly so when talking "Eye in the Sky," a British drama about drone warfare. Mostly unfolding in real time, it traces as forces, from her colonel in London to a drone pilot (Aaron Paul) in Las Vegas, try to blow up a house containing terrorists — without accidentally killing a little girl playing near their target. Our conversation ranges from heavy subjects to one that's tabloid-light.

Drones are something people can see in black-and-white terms, but "Eye in the Sky" isn't interested in flattering either side. How did your thoughts on drones evolve on this film?

You know, you can't just say, "Drones — what's my take on drones?" Well, I don't want a drone coming into my back garden and taking pictures of me sunbathing. But I'm sure as a surveillance tool, it's incredibly valuable and useful. You might as well say, "What's your attitude about telephones?" People can phone each other up and plan terrible things. Do we ban telephones? It's a technology we're going to have to live with. You can't just suddenly get rid of it. So the question becomes how and where do we use them, or not use them? The whole point of the film is to throw up those questions.

This is a drama with a woman on the poster. Given how much we've been talking about diversity, do you see Hollywood moving away from a purely boy- and superhero-driven landscape?

Yes, of course it will. People do need to speak up. I learned this with feminism. I've always been a feminist, but when I was younger I was never a proselytizing feminist. I totally believed in my right to do and be whatever I wanted to be, and anything that was holding me back was profoundly unfair. But I never joined a feminist group. But you know what? You do need to speak up, you do need to articulate the issues. And you get s— for it, you get mocked for it, you get dumped upon for it. But you're on the right side of history when you speak up. And things do change. Dialogue is really important.

It's been heartening that, over the last year, pieces about diversity and inequality have actually done well with readers. They get shared online. It's good for business, finally, to talk about it.

You journalists are very important, because for so long you didn't talk about it. You didn't want to. It's funny: You can talk till your f— ing blue in the face. I've done interviews all my life and I've always talked about it. Did anyone print it? No. [Laughs] Not until it comes into the zeitgeist. Now it's in the zeitgeist, which is great. Mind you, that will pass as well. But the genie's out of the bottle.

Mirren = JLaw?

I did want to ask if you've seen those web posts with side-by-side comparisons of younger pictures of you and Jennifer Lawrence now. The resemblance is uncanny.

A little bit, yeah. She is much more beautiful than I ever was. I'm not being self-depreciating. She's much, much more beautiful. But there are certain shots that I look a little bit like her. I should be so lucky, is all I can say. [Laughs]

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‘The Nest’ is spring’s buzziest family drama

Author Cynthia D’Aprix Sweeney tells us what inspired her debut novel that everyone is talking about.

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Cynthia D’Aprix Sweeney LISA WHITEMAN

It’s every writer’s dream to land a million-dollar book deal from a big-name publishing house, and it’s one debut author Cynthia D’Aprix Sweeney is living. Editors at essentially every major magazine as well as The New York Times are raving about her book “The Nest,” which comes out today.

A family drama about three adult siblings confronting their screwup brother about squandering their collective trust fund, the heart of the book is more about emotional costs, not financial ones. We talked with Sweeney to learn more about the book and becoming a first-time fiction writer in her 40s.

What inspired the book and its characters?
I knew I wanted to write about adult siblings who were not really connected. So then it was a matter of [figuring out] why they were at odds with one another. I started thinking about why they were estranged from one another and why [each person] needed the money.

Did you know how everything was going to unfold from the start?
No, I knew very little. I started writing the story while I was in graduate school [at Columbia] and Bret Anthony Johnston [author of “Remember Me Like This”] was my adviser. The first question I asked him was, “How much do I need to know about the end?” And he said, “You don’t need to know anything, but it will help if you have a sense of where you want each character to leave off emotionally.” So that was my little lighthouse in the distance.

Novels about family drama can be breezy, but “The Nest” is more emotional and complex.
I learned that if I didn’t genuinely care about what happened to [each character] then that character wasn’t working yet. I had to go back and find their vulnerabilities. ... For me, it was necessary to make the characters not just feel like a type of person I wanted to create to make a point about something but be people who are complicated.

Your background is as a journalist. Was it hard for you to start writing fiction?
It was hard for me to get to the point where I felt I was doing it well. My first efforts were pretty terrible. It was one reason why I decided to get my [master of fine arts degree]. I felt if I had the structure of a fiction-writing program with deadlines and support, and people giving me regular feedback on my work, that I would figure out what I was doing wrong more quickly, which is true.

What is your own family like?
Nothing like the people in the book! There are four of us [kids]. I’m the oldest. We’re all pretty close, although we try to stay out of each other’s way. We’re scattered geographically, so we get together a few times a year and there is always one really heated argument, sometimes more. But we’re also really quick to forgive each other. I’m always a little distrustful of people who have zero family drama.

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A whirl of colors

Boston Ballet's new "Kaleidoscope" is a feast for the eyes.

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Polka dots, stripes and colors spring to life in Boston Ballet's production "Kaleidoscope," a ballet of four 20th-century works. Ranging from the more classical "Pas de Quatre" to the energetic "Gaite Parisienne," the costumes mirror the versatility required of the production's dancers.

Costume and Wardrobe manager Charles Heightchew explains that each set of costumes required extensive work. The Boston Ballet costume team built the costumes for the first two works, designed and created the costumes for the third, "Pas de Quatre" and repaired the costumes for the fast-paced finale, "Gaite Parisienne," which are on loan from the American Ballet Theatre in New York.

To develop the costumes for "Pas de Quatre," Heightchew and his team worked closely with Artistic Director Mikko Nissinen and did extensive research.

"We looked at old engravings of the typical costume for 'Pas de Quatre,' compared it with a style of romantic skirt and bodice, and came up with a pretty strictly classical version of it," Heightchew says. "The design of the costume is really based on what the choreographer is looking for."

Heightchew explains that the costumes for the second work in "Kaleidoscope," "The Vertiginous Thrill of Exactitude," were challenging to build. The team used written directions and hands-on duplication to figure out how to make the unusual saucer tutus that accompany the high-energy piece.

The can-can-inspired costumes for the final piece, "Gaite Parisienne," were by iconic French designer Christian Lacroix in the '80s and reflect the high-energy music of the number.

"The music is quite bright and dynamic," Heightchew says. "[Lacroix] used primary colors … lots of polka dots, lots of stripes, lots of texture in the costumes, so it is a much more dynamic-looking production."

"Kaleidoscope" will run through March 26 at the Boston Opera House. Tickets begin at $35.

The human factor

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They're questions familiar to anyone who has ever cursed the complicated installation of a home appliance, found themselves stuck in crowded, poorly-designed arena or spent hours on the phone with a customer service representative: Why isn't this more efficient? Why can't this function better? Why is everything so complicated?

These questions resonated with Athena Ziavras, a graduate student in human factors and information design at Bentley University. Ziavras remembers noticing medical professionals working with a state-of-the-art machine and openly admitting confusion. "All of this technology is so much more advanced, but if it's not usable, then what's the point?" she says. "You're making the people adapt to technology, rather than technology to people."

The frustration with recurring, day-to-day inefficiencies sparked Ziavras' interest in an area of study that many people may not have heard of: human factors.

Design for humans

"Human factors is really studying people — their abilities, their goals, their limitations — and using that understanding to not only design products but increase service," says William Gribbons, program director of human factors and information design at Bentley.

Gribbons helped develop Bentley's graduate program, which emphasizes an understanding of human behavior. Over the course of the program, students undertake research and pioneer innovative and efficient design. The degree program began in 1999, and current enrollment stands at 135 students.

"Our lives have become incredibly complicated," Gribbons says. "So many things require too much attention, effort, thinking, pain and suffering. It spills over into the business world, where design and experience have become the competitive advantage."

A competitive advantage

The quest for a competitive advantage is what drew Renee Keith to Bentley's graduate program. Keith had the opportunity to intern in the school's User Experience Center, where a team of consultants work with big-name clients from across the globe like Fidelity, Harvard Medical, Blue Cross Blue Shield and Staples. "Companies realize how much they can save with a better product overall," Keith says. "Working with someone with human factors knowledge, you can implement the best practices that make something usable."

Gribbons says the Nest thermostat exemplifies an innovation that improved an existing product by taking human factors in account. The motion-activated thermostat learns your temperature preferences, can be controlled from a smartphone and senses when the home is empty, turning the temperature down to save on energy costs.

Part of the appeal of studying human factors might be the wide range of career possibilities that students explore after graduation.

"I have students in the program who work in transportation, military applications, health care, consumer electronics, games, and people who are interested in architecture and education," Gribbons explains. "It's really now being applied to the design of everything."

For Ziavras, the program is all about creating fulfilling experiences during a period of innovation. "Ten, 15, or 20 years ago, it was, 'Who can create the latest technology?' But now that all of that is so common, user experience is what puts you above."

David Iuhlin, left, and Adi Meir in the control room during a study. PROVIDED

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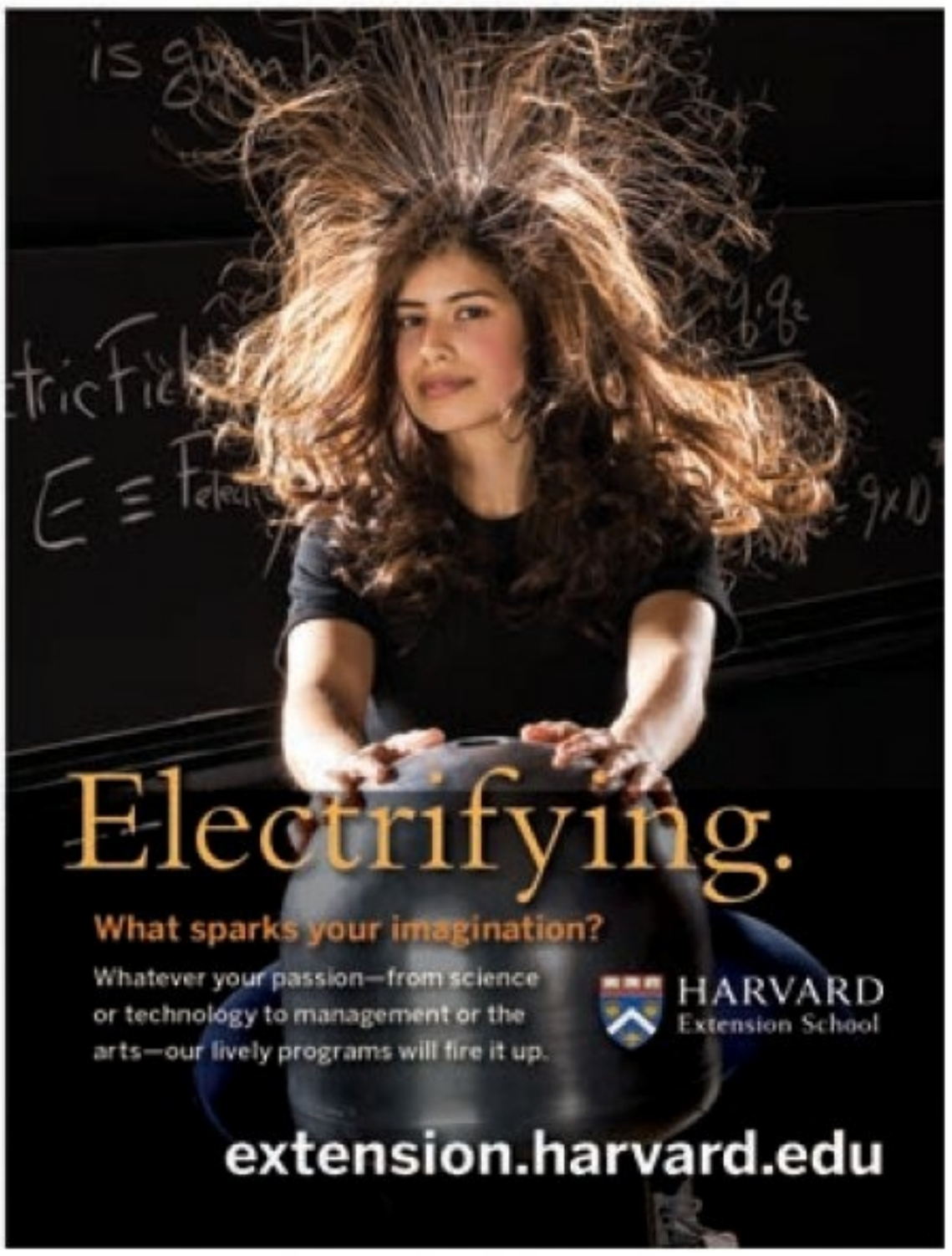
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WAIT, drinking mushrooms is a thing?

Apparently, it's all the rage in Finland.

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Pounding coconut water? OK, we're game. Cactus water? Sure, why not. But mushrooms? Woah there. It turns out, drinking 'shrooms isn't such a bad idea — and no, we're not talking about the psychedelic kind.

Finland native Tero Isokauppila grew up on a farm, foraging for mushrooms, and is now spreading the gospel of the "superfood" with the power to reduce stress and lower blood pressure and cholesterol.

Humans are essentially mushrooms

When we hung out with Isokauppila recently, he told us that most people are surprised to learn that nearly half of our genetic makeup is the same as a mushroom's. Because of that, we share the same survival methods. So if we're feeling a bit sick because our immune system isn't functioning properly, eating mushrooms can help us recover faster. Another surprising fact Isokauppila tells us: Mushrooms are in 40 percent of medicine. Now you know why.

Bringing the craze Stateside

There are different kinds of mushrooms, and not all are created equal (some are even poisonous). There are four kinds that Isokauppila says are especially healthful: Reishi, Cordyceps, Chaga and Lion's Mane. And it is these four types that his beverage line of mushroom-infused coffees and hot chocolates, Four Sigmatic, revolves around.

Lion's Mane helps with concentration, making it the perfect ingredient for his coffee mix. Reishi is a big stress-reducer, so he uses it as the base ingredient in one of his hot chocolate mixes. Cordyceps and Chaga are both high in antioxidants and good for your immune system.

Isokauppila tells us mushrooms are more common to eat and drink in Finland, but he knew that to get Americans on board he needed to sweeten the deal, so to speak. Isokauppila snuck the superfood into hot chocolate and coffee mixes, which are sold at Whole Foods, Urban Outfitters and Amazon. A couple New York City cafes have also started selling mushroom-infused drinks too, including Brooklyn's Botica and Caravan of Dreams in the East Village.

But how does it taste?

A tasting of the different mushroom-infused beverages at the Metro offices received mixed reviews. Some downright didn't like it at all, some said it got better as you drank it, while a few genuinely liked it. "I had one of the coffee mixes and it made me feel alert, like a normal cup of coffee, but didn't make me feel jittery," one staffer reported. Hey, you can always just eat the mushrooms.

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Durant to the Celtics? Don't bet on it this year or any year

Rumor has it that Kevin Durant is considering Boston as a landing spot. GETTY IMAGES

Reasons why the C's landing one of the NBA's biggest stars is still a pipe dream.

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ESPN Boston's Chris Forsberg wrote a fascinating piece last week, outlining exactly how the Celtics could land Thunder superstar Kevin Durant in free agency this summer.

At the risk of playing the Debbie Downer role, though, here are three reasons why Durant won't be coming to the Celtics:

1 The salary cap

No, this isn't because the Celtics won't have the money this summer. They will. It's just that if Durant wants to make the most money possible in these next two years of his prime, his best option is to sign a one-year deal with the Thunder this summer. The NBA salary cap is going to increase yet again during the summer of 2017 — where it should be the peak that it reaches for at least a few years after that. Durant would secure unheard of amounts of cash if he plays this thing patiently. He could make 35 percent of a $108 million cap in 2017 as opposed to 30 percent of a lower cap figure in 2016.

2 The Celtics' competition

When Xavier McDaniel is arguably the greatest free agent "get" in franchise history, you're not exactly regarded as an "NBA destination."

The usual big-market suspects (Lakers and Knicks) and the reigning NBA champions are all likely going to make pushes for Durant. There are rumors that the Lakers have a plan to eventually bring Russell Westbrook to LA to appease Durant. There were those scary Wojnarowski-based Warriors rumors in February. And former Thunder coach Scott Brooks has been mentioned as possible bait to get Durant to Manhattan.

Oh, and then there's Durant's hometown of Washington, D.C.

On destination alone, Boston is probably the fifth or sixth (at best) most intriguing place for Durant.

3 Too many moving parts

It seems the only way Durant would come to the Celtics is if the Celtics landed Al Horford in free agency as well. Isaiah Thomas only has so much clout here, and — really — what is the precedent for two superstar players deciding in free agency to go to a cold-weather city together?

This isn't a LeBron, Bosh and Wade situation. Wade was already in sunny Miami and was considered an NBA don back in 2010. He was already established as a player you could win a championship with because he had already had won a championship.

With all due respect, Isaiah Thomas' best accomplishment to date is making one All-Star team. Thomas just doesn't have that kind of cache.

Danny Ainge is regarded as a master negotiator, but getting two superstar players from two different cities to come to a cold-weather city with no superstar player in place would be the greatest accomplishment by any executive in the history of pro sport.

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Third base, left field still up for grabs as 2016 season approaches

The Red Sox still have major decisions to make in the field.

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Pablo Sandoval has been a mess in the field so far this spring. GETTY IMAGES

When spring training kicked off about a month ago for the Red Sox, it didn't seem like many positions were up for grabs. A few weeks later, and with opening day just two weeks away, that has changed.

The third base job is officially up for grabs, according to manager John Farrell, and it would seem left field is no sure thing either.

Going into camp it looked as though Pablo Sandoval was a lock to start at third with the long-term commitment, but he showed up to camp overweight and has made his fair share of errors in the field. Maybe more importantly, he's been challenged by Travis Shaw.

Shaw has batted .419 with two home runs in 31 at-bats this spring. Sandoval hasn't been swinging a bad bat, but with Shaw red hot and Sandoval struggling defensively, Farrell stated that the job isn't Sandoval's just yet.

"Is he just a corner utility player?" Farrell asked reporters of Shaw. "There could be the potential for more here. We're not in a place in spring training where we're going to shut that down. He could be competing for regular at-bats."

Another position that is open for competition is left field, as Rusney Castillo hasn't proven he deserves the gig yet. Castillo was slowed down by injuries early in spring training and was a bit behind. Now after 10 games, he's hitting just .267 and there are proven veterans behind him in Chris Young and David Murphy who could take away his spot on the opening day roster.

Castillo started last season in Pawtucket, so it wouldn't be the first time it happened, but the Red Sox expected more from him. He's no longer a raw, young prospect – he's 28 years old. Murphy, who was signed by the Red Sox this spring, does have an opt out if he isn't on the major league roster on opening day, so the Red Sox may need to keep that in mind when making their final roster.

Also, it's worth noting that if Farrell and the organization are so inclined to get Shaw and his bat in the lineup, he has some experience in left field - as does Brock Holt. There are plenty of options for left field if Castillo isn't ready.

This is the most critical time of the spring, as the last two weeks are when players really start gearing up for the season and can begin to build momentum.

With these positions still seemingly not set, it's incredibly important for players like Sandoval, Shaw and Castillo to perform, because with a good start to the year so crucial, it's likely Farrell will go with the players who are hot and give the team the best chance to win.

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(SEAL) **LAND COURT** 15 SM 011362

DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: **Lisa Broussard; William Broussard** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act:, 50 U.S.C. App. *§501 et seq.:*

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **South Boston,** numbered **28 Jenkins Street,** given by **William Broussard and Lisa Broussard to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A,** dated **November 19, 2007,** and recorded with the **Suffolk County Registry of Deeds** in Book **42772,** Page **35,** has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **April 18, 2016** or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of this Court on March 2, 2016

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(SEAL) **LAND COURT** **16 SM 001419**

DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: **Yvette Coward** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act:, 50 U.S.C. App. *§501 et seq.:*

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Merrill Lynch Mortgage Investors Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-OPT1 claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Boston, numbered 21 Castlegate Road,** given by **Yvette Coward to First Call Mortgage Company, A Massachusetts Corporation, dated June 15, 2006,** and recorded with the **Suffolk County Registry of Deeds** in Book **39808,** Page **125,** and now held by plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **April 18, 2016** or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of this Court on March 1, 2016

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder

3/22/16 **(OM 15-005309)**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

(SEAL) **LAND COURT** **16 SM 001558**

DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

ORDER OF NOTICE

TO: **Jessica Bonilla; William Colon** and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act:, 50 U.S.C. App. *§501 et seq.:*

Wells Fargo Bank, National Association as Trustee for Option One **Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-5, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-5** claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Boston (Hyde Park),** numbered **68 Windham Road,** given by **Jessica Bonilla** and **William Colon** to Option One Mortgage Corporation, dated **August 26, 2005,** and recorded with the **Suffolk County Registry of Deeds** in Book **37943**, Page **30**, and now held by plaintiff by assignment has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **April 18, 2016** or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, JUDITH C. CUTLER Chief Justice of this Court on March 3, 2016

Attest:

Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder

(OM 15-011097)

3/22/16

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Kimica P. Price and Winfield D. Price to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated March 27, 2007 and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds at Book 41600, Page 163, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. to The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certicateholders of the CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-8 dated September 12, 2011 and recorded with said registry on September 21, 2011 at Book 48407 Page 200, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 a.m. on April 6, 2016, on the mortgaged premises located at 4 Herbert Street, Dorchester Center (Boston), Suffolk County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

The land at 4-6 Herbert Street, Dorchester District of Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon now known as and numbered 4-6 Herbert Street, situated in that part of Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, formerly Dorchester, bounded and described as follows:

Westerly by Herbert Street, 60 feet; Northerly by land now or formerly of Carlton, 93.8 feet; Easterly by land now or formerly of Neil, 58.95 feet; Southerly by land now or formerly of Riceter, 89.42 feet; Containing, according to said plan, five thousand four hundred twenty-five (5,425) square feet of land. Be any or all of said measurements and contents more or less or however, otherwise the said premises may be bounded, described or measured.

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For mortgagor's(s') title see deed recorded with Suffolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 29648, Page 235.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Fifteen Thousand ($15,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

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MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Louis Pacheco and Beatriz Pacheco to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Inc., dated August 29, 2003 and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds at Book 32669, Page 161; of which Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 PM on March 29, 2016 at 707 Truman Parkway, Boston (Hyde Park), MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land, with the buildings thereon, situated in the Hyde Park District of Boston and being shown as Lot 4 on a plan for division of land of Edna Woish, recorded with Suffolk Deeds in Book 4788, Page 185, bounded and described as follows: SOUTHEASTERLY by Truman Highway, formerly Water Street, fifty (50) feet; NORTHEASTERLY by land now or formerly of Oliver F. Atkins, as shown on said plan, two hundred eighteen (218) feet; NORTHWESTERLY by Neponset River, about fifty and 4/10 (50.4) feet; SOUTHWESTERLY by Lot 3, as shown on said plan, two hundred twelve (212) feet. Excepting therefrom so much thereof as was taken by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by a taking recorded with Suffolk Deeds in Book 5294, Page 54. See also Confirmatory Deed at Book 5298, Page 54. For our Title, please see Deed of Alexandre, dated April 17, 2001, recorded with Suffolk Deeds in Book 28377, Page 150.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, liens, attorney's fees and costs pursuant to M.G.L.Ch.183A, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

TERMS OF SALE:

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Other terms if any, to be announced at the sale.

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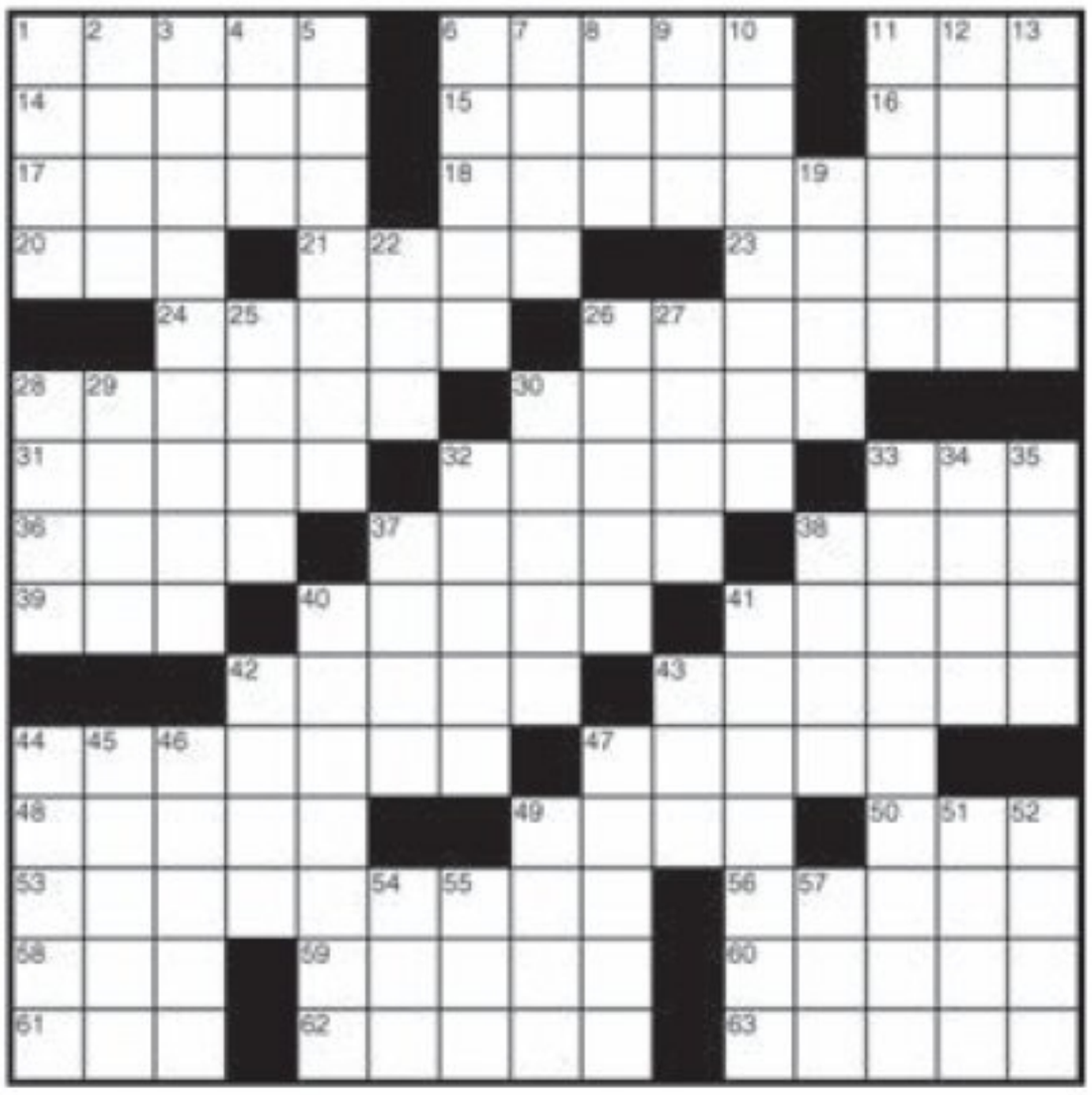

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